



the Kindred Spirit

June & July
2025

Newsletter of Our Savior's Lutheran Church · Albany, MN · 320-845-2405

Sunday Morning Worship at 9AM

In-Person & Online

Broadcast on 1150AM KASM Radio

Sundays at 1PM



June 2025

Additions to the calendar? Email Our Savior's Lutheran Church office: oursaviors@albanytel.com or call 320-845-2405

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 10:15am Faith Explorers Recap 10:30am Workshop: Sourdough Bread Making 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	2 12pm Staff Meeting 6pm Men's Garage	3 7pm NA Meeting	4 12pm Women's Potluck 1pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm VBS Planning Meeting	5 1pm Prayer Circle	6 OFFICE CLOSED 11am Community Blood Drive at Seven Dolors	7
8 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	9	10 7pm NA Meeting	11 1pm Quilting Squares	12	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 Fellowship Hall Reserved— Private Event
15 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 1pm Worship on KASM Radio Happy Father's Day!!	16 12pm Staff Meeting 6pm Congregational Council Meeting	17 9:30am Lady Generators 7pm NA Meeting	18 12pm Women's Potluck 1pm Women's Bible Study	19 OFFICE CLOSED Juneteenth	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21
22 9am Worship Service— In-Person & Online 1pm Worship on KASM Radio	23 6pm Worship & Music Team Meeting 7pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting <div>Summer Day Camp at OSLC — 8:45-3:00 Daily</div>	24 7pm NA Meeting	25	26	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
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Pastor's Reflection

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, May 18, we recognized, prayed, and blessed our high school seniors—Faith Beuning, Allison Hahn & Drew Lehner. We've watched these students grow, not only physically, but spiritually as well. We've seen them grow in their faith over the years. And on May 18, we celebrated all of their many accomplishments and wished God's blessings to them in the next chapter of their lives.

New this year at Our Savior's, the quilters in our congregation gifted each one of our high school graduates with a handmade quilt to take with them. What a wonderful gift! On top of that, the Our Savior's Endowment Fund gifted each graduate with a \$200 gift card that they can use to help get their dorm room or apartment furnished.

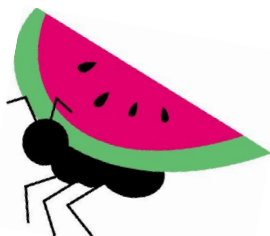
Generosity is all around us, and as these graduates are wrapped in these handmade quilts, they too, will be reminded of the generosity that is shared. Thank you for the supporting our graduates, our quilters, and our endowment fund!

In Christ,
Pastor Anthony



Worship & Picnic in the Park—Save the Date!

Our fourth annual worship and picnic in the park will be **Sunday, August 3rd** at North Park Pavilion (Jaycee's Shelter). Worship will be at 9am with a potluck picnic to follow!



BLOOD DRIVE

Albany Community Blood Drive —June 6th

The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Albany on Friday, June 6th from 11:00am-5:00pm. To schedule an appointment or for more info contact Edna at 320-291-6623.

For the Love of Bread Workshop

Join us on Sunday, June 1st following worship for a workshop on all things sourdough. All are welcome.

Hosted by Kim Kubat.



Our next Men's Garage gathering will be Monday, June 2nd at 6:00pm. There's great food. Cold drinks. Lively discussion about life. If you would like to join in the excitement, join us at

Pat Johnson's —330 6th Street, Albany

If you are interested in hosting a future Men's Garage gathering please talk to Pastor Anthony for all the details.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OSLC

2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

May God's love and guidance be with you
as you start your next journey!



Faith Beuning

Daughter of Brian & Cindy Beuning

Future Plans: Attending College of St. Benedict for Elementary Education

Allison Hahn

Daughter of Jordan & Kim Hahn

Future Plans: Attending Atelier Academy of Beauty for Cosmetology



Drew Lehner

Son of James & Christina Lehner

Future Plans: Attending Central Lakes College, Brainerd for Power Sports & Marine Mechanics

OSLC YOUTH & FAMILIES

Open Position at OSLC—Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Our Savior's is looking for a part-time, Director of Youth and Family Ministry. This position focuses on building disciples for Christ within relational environments and equip our students and families to share their faith with others. We're looking for someone who can build relationships with people of all ages, especially ages 3-18.



The full job description is available at www.oursaviorslutheranalbany.org/employment or at the QR code above.

Register Today for Summer Day Camp at OSLC

Luther Crest will be coming to lead a day camp this summer from June 23rd-26th. The day camp runs from 8:45am—3:00pm Monday through Thursday. Day camp is a Christ-centered experience, open to the community, for students that have completed Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Day camp introduces students to Bible Camp experience without being away from home at night. And because of a generous donor, the cost for the week of day camp has been reduced from \$130 to **\$30!** For additional information and to register, you can visit the church website or scan the included QR code.



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DAY CAMP

VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!

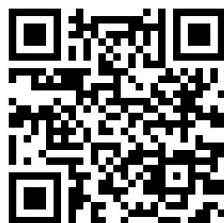
AUGUST 3-7TH FROM 5:30-8:30PM

At Road Trip VBS, students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are on the go with God. Through music, stories, games, and crafts, they will become travelers and discover how God is with them wherever they go.

Join us Sunday, August 3rd—Thursday, August 7th from 5:30pm-8:30pm. VBS is an opportunity for children to connect with God and each other. The program is open to children ages 3 (potty trained) through 5th grade.

Each evening will include a meal, Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and more!!

Register at the church website or by scanning the QR code below.



Looking for VBS Helpers

Last year at Vacation Bible School, we helped 50 children connect with God and each other. This year, we need your help to continue impacting the lives of many children in our community.

You can help with VBS in a variety of ways:

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| † Meals (Prepare/Serve/Cleanup) | † Help with crafts |
| † Teach a Bible story | † Decorate |
| † Run Projection | † Provide food items |
| † Lead a game | † Pray for our VBS children |

There will be a **VBS planning meeting on Wednesday, June 4th at 6:30pm**. If you would like to help but are unable to attend the meeting, please connect with Pastor Anthony.

Women's Bible Study—Summer Schedule

The Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays will continue our study on Paul's letter to the Romans. Bible Study begins at 1:00pm.

- † Wednesday, June 4th—Romans 2
- † Wednesday, June 18th—Romans 3
- † Wednesday, August 6th—Romans 4
- † Wednesday, August 20th—Romans 5



Before each Bible study throughout the summer, there will be a potluck meal beginning at 12:00pm. ***Note: No Bible Study in July***



Teagen John Barlau

Born: 4/5/2024

Parents: Katrina & Brandon Barlau

Sponsors: Jennifer Johnson &
Cole Bielejeski

Baptized: April 5, 2025

Blair Lynn Michalec

Born: 4/4/2025

Parents: Brooke Klaphake
& Alex Michalec

Sponsors: Paige Gerads, Trista
Douvier, Parker Soderbeck

Baptized: May 4, 2025



Garage Sale Thank You

We celebrate another successful OSLC Garage Sale to support the ministries of the Women of Our Savior's.

Thank you to all who donated items, volunteered their time, and shopped at our spring garage sale!

**"IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT
CHRIST HAS SET US FREE."**

~ GALATIANS 5:1 ~



**HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE
DAY!!**

Financial Summary as of April 30, 2025

Current YTD vs Prior YTD (actuals)

General Fund Offerings/Income
General Fund Expenses
Net Difference
(income less expenses)

Apr-25	Apr-24
\$65,572	\$67,815
\$81,132	\$85,060
(\$15,560)	(\$17,245)

General Fund Offerings/Income
Average Per Month
Average Per Week

Annual Budget	Actual to-date
<i>Amounts Needed to meet Expenses</i>	<i>Amounts Given YTD</i>
\$257,333	\$65,572
\$21,444	\$16,393
\$4,949	\$3,857

Please note: above information is based on General Fund giving and does not include designated funds.



Dinning Sets Available

We have old dining sets available to purchase for \$1.00 per set. Contact one of the church ladies if interested.

Teals Market Receipts

We continue to accept and benefit from your Teals Market receipts, Our Family Brand and Country Hearth UPC's. Drop off in the box provided in the Narthex.



The following items are needed this month at the Albany Food Shelf:

Cake Mixes
Brownie Mixes

Items can be dropped off in the box in the narthex at church or delivered directly to the Food Shelf located across the street from the church in the Senior Center building.

Albany Food Shelf Hours

1st Thursday—mornings
3rd Thursday—Early evenings
Connect with Edna
320-291-6623
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

June & July Worship Volunteers

	<u><i>Lesson Reader</i></u>	<u><i>Audio/Visual</i></u>
9am Sunday, June 1st	Barb Fischer	Kevin Beuning & Jerry Stark
9am Sunday, June 8th	Lynda Hartwig	Matt Eggert & Pat Johnson
9am Sunday, June 15th	Sandy Paulsen	Kevin Ruch & Lisa Beuning
9am Sunday, June 22nd	Denise Croatt	Pat Johnson & Matthew Rafteseth
9am Sunday, June 29th	Jolene Lobitz	Matt Eggert & Jerry Stark
9am Sunday, July 6th	Dwight Christen	Eric Ruch & Jerry Stark
9am Sunday, July 13th	Deb Kurtz	Kevin & Lisa Beuning
9am Sunday, July 20th	Nolan Eggert	Matt Eggert & Pat Johnson
9am Sunday, July 27th	Paul Fauk	Kevin Beuning & Matthew Rafteseth

Don't forget about your offering!!

Give in-person, online through the link found on the church website home page, or the Give+ app!!



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Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm

**Newsletter deadline is
the 20th of the month!!**

OSLC MISSION:

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church is one
people united in Christ,
empowered by God's grace through
worship and the study of His Word,
to glorify God by serving and witnessing
in the community of the world.*

Prayer Box

June & July 2025 Bible Reading



Read God's Word daily so you can thoroughly understand all God wants you to know.

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers."

— Psalm 1:1-3

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

— 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at this face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do."

— James 1:22-25

Father God, fill me with understanding as I read today. Open my mind to see the depths of Your wisdom and guide me to apply it in my life. May the words I read transform my heart and lead me to grow spiritually. Us this time to bring me closer to You. I seek clarity as I read Your Word. Help me understand the messages hidden in these verses, so I may carry Your wisdom forward. Still my thoughts and focus my heart on you. Free me from distractions as I dive into Your Word today. Open my heart to receive Your Word with humility and grace. Remove and barriers that prevent me from understanding and obeying. God, fill me with joy as I read Your scriptures today. Let each verse remind me of Your love and promises. In the Name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

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GIFT on Wednesdays returns this Fall

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